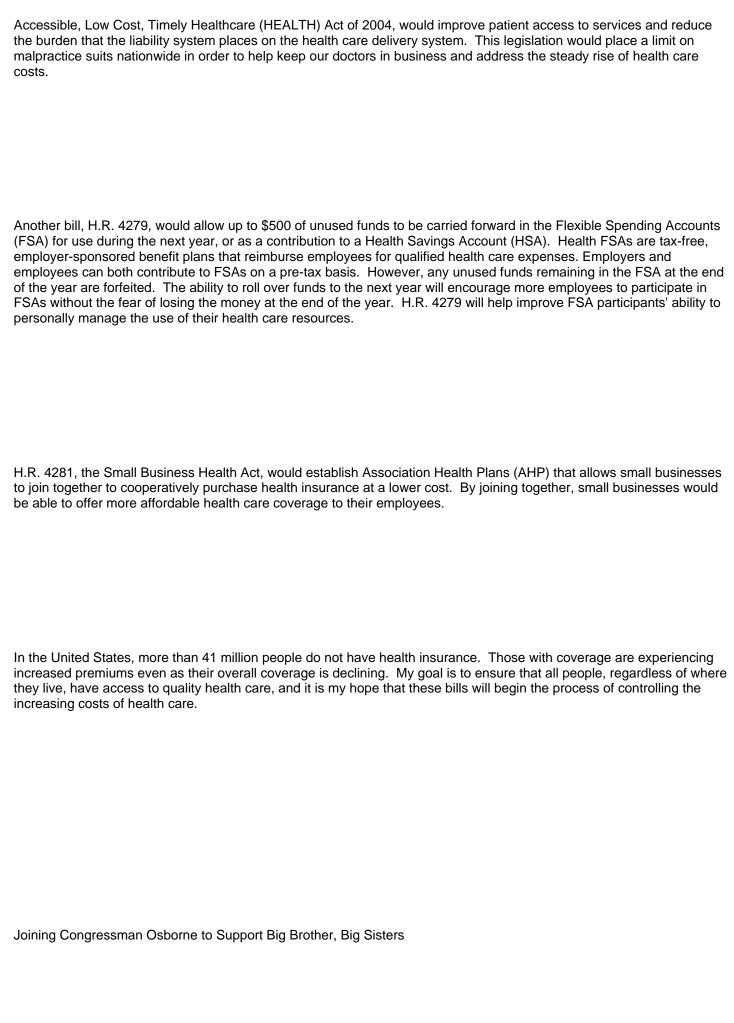
## 5/17/2004 This Week In Congress This Week In Congress May 17, 2004 Dear Friend, Welcome to "This Week in Congress." I hope you find this newsletter useful. Bringing Down the Costs of Health Care, Insurance

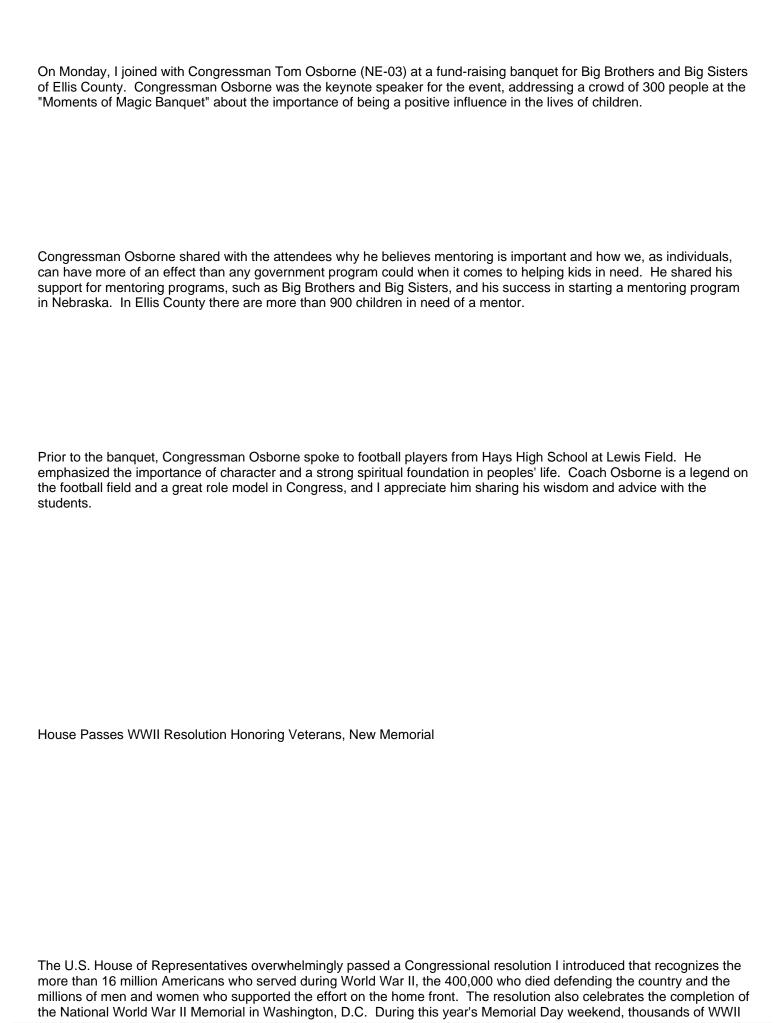
Medical liability reform is an important step to help keep malpractice insurance costs down. H.R. 4280, the Help Efficient,

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This week, I supported House passage of legislation designed to help bring down the rising costs of health care and health insurance. Controlling these costs would give more Americans access to insurance coverage and decrease the

overall costs associated with receiving health care.





veterans from across the country will gather in the nation's capital to dedicate the new WWII Memorial on the National Mall.
Our country owes a debt of gratitude to the World War II generation. Without their selfless sacrifice and undaunted courage, Americans would not have the freedoms that we enjoy today. Since the dedication ceremony is in just two weeks, I am pleased that we were able to pass this resolution. Because we are losing more and more World War II veterans every day, I am a thankful that my colleagues in the House have joined with me in recognizing their sacrifices and celebrating the completion of the National World War II Memorial.
Improving Summer Air Travel
On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing to review federal plans to prevent major passenger delays at the nation's airports during the coming summer. According to airline industry analysts, this summer will be the busiest travel period for airline passengers in the last four years. Based on advance bookings, the Ai Transport Association estimates that the airlines will carry 65 million passengers each month during the summer - up 12 percent from last year's average of 58 million per month.
The increase in passenger travel is good news for our recovering economy. However, we must be certain that federal agencies are adopting plans that will help them cope with rapidly changing weather conditions and new security measures in order to reduce the overall level of delays. By implementing these plans now, travelers will be more likely to reach their destination on time during the busy summer months.

Speaking at Baker University Commencement
On Sunday afternoon, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents Reginald Robinson and I addressed the
Baker University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies at Collins Sports and Convention Center in Baldwin. The University conferred more than 600 undergraduate, graduate and nursing degrees. At the celebration, I spoke about the importance of family and faith and the need to commit oneself to excellence, character and the service of others.
A full copy of the speech can be found at: http://www.house.gov/apps/list/speech/
ks01_moran/sp051604BakerUniversity.html
In the Office
In the office this week were members of the Community Bankers Association of Kansas to talk about economic development and agriculture lending, including Mike Johnson of Courtland, Joe Kennedy of Frankfort, Bruce Morgan of Roeland Park, and Marvin and Shari Weber of Herington.

Steve Dinkel, pastor of Liberty Fellowship in Hays, was in to discuss religious issues. Ken Baker with Radio Kansas of Hutchinson was in to discuss improving non-commercial broadcasting technology.
Members of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America were in the office to talk about ways to improve the environment, including Mark Augustine of Salina, Marvin Spees of Topeka, Ken Suter of Kansas City and Jim Selenke of Wichita. Brad Seibel of McPherson and Patricia Andrews of Salina, representing Edward D. Jones and Company, were in to discuss retirement simplification. Members of the Kansas Association of Realtors were in to discuss homeownership tax incentives and Association Health Plans.
In for a tour of the Capitol this week were Kathy Jacobs and Cindy Doerfler of Hays.
Very truly yours,
Jerry